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Meeting with HORN

COM, Bonn

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1. On 26 January 1954 during a routine operational liaison trip to Bonn I spent the evening at the HORN's. He brought up the question of ZIPPER's legalization by stating that he has been aware for some time that there have been conversations about legalizing ZIPPER under the USANCE office prior to ratification of the treaties.

2. HORN stated it is his opinion that UTILITY is making a terrible mistake if he is banking on any form of legalization through the USANCE office. HORN claims that (a) politically USANCE doesn't want it; (b) financially USANCE cannot have it due to extreme budget limitations; (c) professionally USANCE is afraid of the responsibility. On the other hand, even if UTILITY were partially successful in winning USANCE over to agreement for early legalization it definitely would result in placing only that portion of ZIPPER that deals exclusively with military intelligence, and at the same time the foreign office would ask for the political section, the economic part to Economic Ministry, etc., in other words ZIPPER would lose all its chances of becoming a centralized national service.

3. HORN feels that CAUSA has lost interest and is reluctant to further handle ZIPPER affairs. HORN describes GUMBEL as a small officious official who cannot do anything for ZIPPER even if he tried. Therefore, HORN suggested that it would be appropriate for the High Commissioner to see UPTRUST as soon as the four-power conference is concluded and have the HIGH state UPTRUST's intention of continuing subsidy for a specific period of time (whatever time we decide most politic) and ask UPTRUST his intentions and decisions to take over ZIPPER into UPBROWTH.

4. It is planned to have the UPBROWTH MDC Parliamentary Committee visit ZIPPER headquarters sometime in the near future. At present the committee is in Paris on an inspection junket. In any event little, if anything, will happen concerning ZIPPER's legalization until after the conclusion of the four-power conference.

Comment: The suggestion contained in para 3 above was made by HORN based on rather a confused assumption that KUBARK is prepared to effect ZIPPER transfer to UPBROWTH at anytime, and does not realistically take political considerations in mind. It is merely reported as his statement.

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